

Engaging Childcares Toward Healthier Moms and Babies

This project is focused specifically on decreasing the amount of safe sleep deaths in the Allen County. We do this by:

- Providing safe sleep materials to childcare providers to ensure babies have a safe place to sleep while in their care
- Increasing the number of infant slots available at childcare centers
- Providing materials and support to help childcares increase in Paths to Quality
- And training childcare providers as Safe Sleep Ambassadors



Why Allen County?

Allen County is home to the zip code with the second highest infant mortality rate in Indiana.

Why focus on safe sleep?

Of the infant deaths that occur in Indiana, one of every eight deaths is related to unsafe sleep and is preventable. Childcare providers are valuable partners in helping us educate families about safe sleep. They are a consistent presence in the lives of families whose infants are most at risk and are a trusted source of advice and information.

What do we provide?

Many childcare providers want to become advocates for infants and families but don't have the resources. We are able to provide safe sleep materials (cribs, crib sheets, sleep sacks, etc.) and safe sleep training to childcare providers and their staff. We also provide the necessary toys, furniture, and developmentally appropriate materials to create a safe and stimulating environment for infants and toddlers in their care.

Partners

We partner with the following organizations in the community to be able to refer and connect childcare providers with services that they need.

Allen County Department of Health

Ambassador Impact Investing

Associated Churches

The Childcare Resource Network

Early Childhood Alliance

Family and Social Services

Administration

Fort Wayne Community School

Footprints Fort Wayne

IU School of Medicine

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

Lutheran Health Network

Parkview Health

Prenatal Infant Care Network

Riley Children's Foundation

St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

United Way of Allen County

